

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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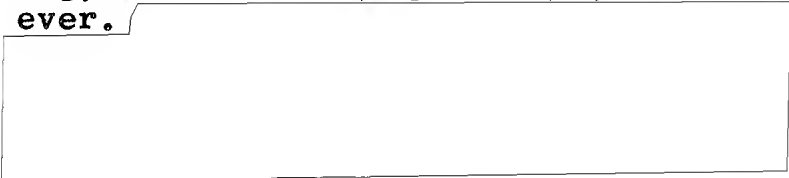
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1. Morocco-
Algeria


a. New fighting broke out early this morning in the Tinjoub area where Moroccan and Algerian forces clashed last week.

b. Today's fighting appears, on the basis of first sketchy reporting, to be on a larger scale, however.



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c. Over the weekend the Moroccans had begun to take a more assertive line towards the border dispute. King Hassan has declared that his patience is at an end and has set pre-conditions for talks with Ben Bella which seem completely unacceptable to the Algerians.



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f. Hassan probably wants to take advantage of Ben Bella's other troubles, his as yet unresolved quarrel with the Berbers and his falling-out with Boumedienne. Also, Nasir, while making gestures of support for Ben Bella, has his own troubles and will be most reluctant to engage himself deeply in another war.

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2. South Korea

a. In Korean terms, Pak is running scared. (The presidential election is Tuesday.)

b. The opposition, down finally to one major candidate, has been conducting a hard-hitting campaign and Pak's supporters are no longer sure they can win in a relatively free election.

c. The police and other government agencies, which were being used largely to drum out crowds for Pak, have begun to harrass opposition electioneering and intimidate the electorate.

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3. South Vietnam

a. Signs accumulate that the Saigon regime is getting set for prolonged difficulties with the US.

b. The regime has taken several belt-tightening steps, including the slicing of government salaries, against a possible major reduction of US aid. These actions could foreshadow requests for some reduction in the US presence.

c. Nhu's Times of Vietnam charged on Friday that the US had embarked on a "semi-secret policy of diplomatic and economic black-mail." This issue of the Times did not, as it has in the past, absolve President Kennedy of blame for anti-regime activities by US officials on the spot.

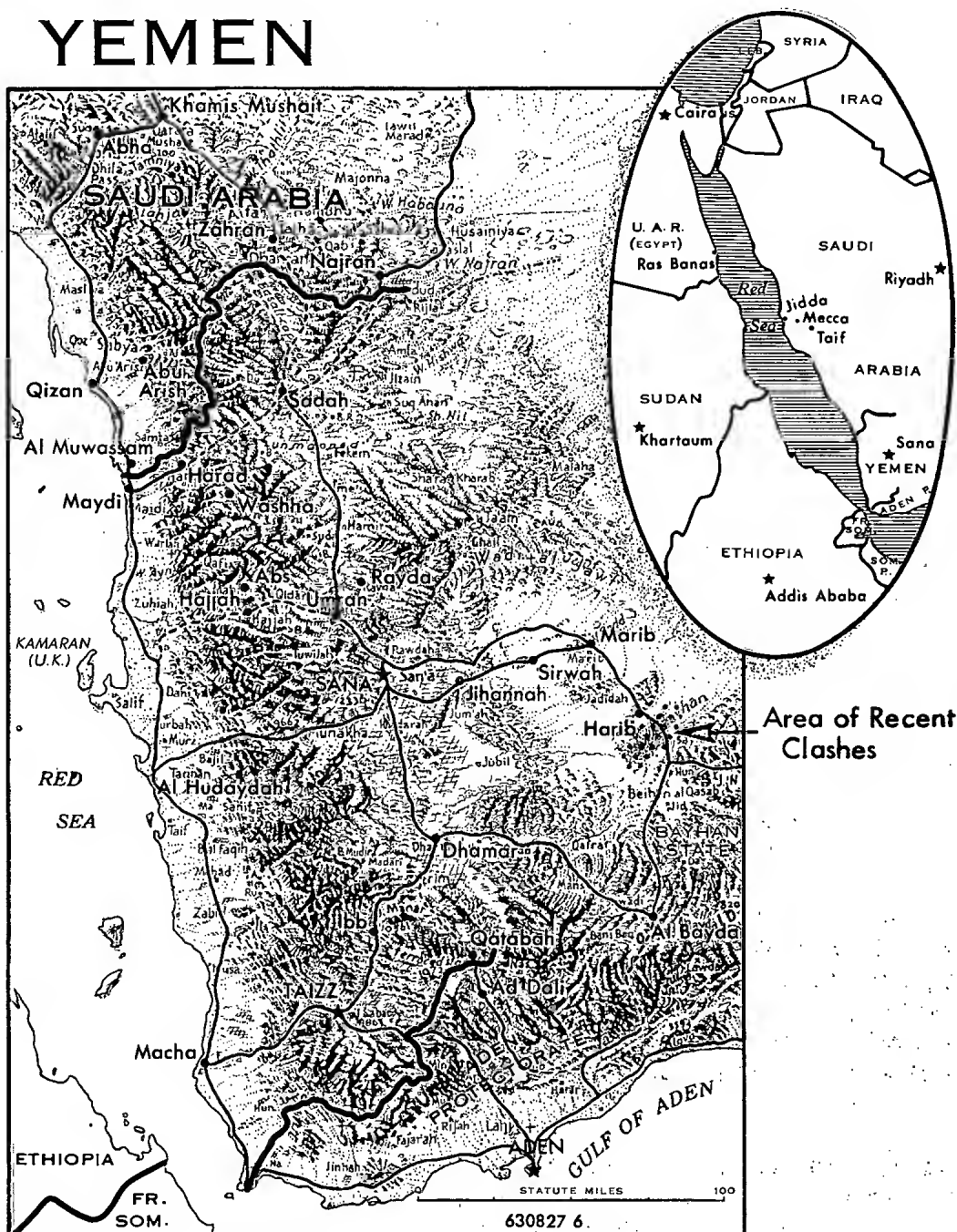
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4. Yemen - Saudi
Arabia - UAR

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NOTES

A. Dominican Republic There were rather mild student demonstrations over the weekend outside the capital but Santo Domingo students appeared somewhat cowed by the strong line taken by the police. Non-student agitators and troublemakers are reported mixing with the university students, obviously to stiffen the student protest.

B. Cuba-USSR A seventh shipload of Soviet arms may be on its way to Cuba. [REDACTED]

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C. [REDACTED]

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D. Italy Labor troubles now shaping up--including a possible general strike in Rome [REDACTED] will complicate the forthcoming negotiations between Nenni and the Christian Democrats to form a government. Communist and neo-fascist agitators will be in the streets. Their game is to provoke joint Socialist-Communist riots and thus give ammunition to opponents of another center-left experiment.

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E. **Ecuador**

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